

Amendments to the Specification:

Paragraphs 26 and 31 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Replace Paragraph 26 with the following paragraph:

The stalks of plant 64 enter the effective picking region of the second stalk roll 18, whose front tip (relative to the forward direction of movement V) also lies in front of the rotational axis of the gathering element 12. The second stalk roll 18 is oriented parallel to the first stalk roll 16 and is arranged between the latter and the rotational axis of the gathering element 12, wherein the gap defined between the first stalk roll 16 and the second stalk roll 18 is arranged directly beneath the picking gap 22. The first stalk roll 16 and the second stalk roll 18 are provided over their entire length in known fashion with axially running, outwardly projecting drivers 62 38, as are most apparent in Figure 3. The axes of the stalk rolls 16 and 18 run parallel to each other. The second stalk roll 18 and the first stalk roll 16 pull in the stalk of plant 64 downward (see Figure 4). The stripper plate 20 on both sides of the picking gap 22 serves to strip the crop heads 66 from plant 64.

Replace Paragraph 31 with the following paragraph:

Figure 5 shows a section through the stalk rolls 16 and 18 along line 5-5, which is situated downstream of the picking region of stalk rolls 16 and 18, and where the outer diameter of the roll bodies 60 along line 4-4 is shown. In this region, downstream from the picking region, the parts of the plant 64 carrying the crop heads 66 have already been pulled through the picking gap 22. The diameter of the roll bodies 60 at this location is relatively small, while the separation of the outer edges of the drivers 62 from the roll bodies 60 and the enveloping circle diameter of the outer edges of the drivers 62 are relatively large. The plant 64 is bent quite far to the side by the drivers 62 and is forced against the roll body 60 of the other stalk roll 18. Because of the diameter of the enveloping circle of the outer edges of the drivers 62 48, which is greater here than in the picking region, and owing to bending of the plant 64 to the side, the plant is pulled in much more quickly than in the picking region. Because of this, the picking gap 22 is freed-up again relatively quickly without the crop heads 66 being damaged by the fairly high pull-in speed.